

## A MOHAWK VICTIM.

The Body of a Troop Ship Victim  
Passes Through

TO ITS FINAL RESTING PLACE.

Graphic Story of Suffering told by  
a Private in the

EIGHTH OHIO, "PRESIDENT'S NOW"

WHO IS ACCOMPANYING THE  
BODY OF HIS DEAD COMRADE  
TO HIS HOME NEAR MATA-  
MORAS—TELLS OF THE SUFFER-  
ING ON THE TRIP FROM  
SANTIAGO TO MONTAUK—HOW  
THE COLONEL OF THE REGI-  
MENT WAS HISSED BY HIS MEN.  
HOW THE EIGHTH'S KNAPSACK  
ROLLS SCARED THE SPAN-  
IARDS.

The Keystone State reached Wheeling yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and on board was the body of Charles Switzer, a private in Company E of the Eighth Ohio Volunteers, popularly known as "The President's Own." Accompanying the body of the poor fellow were Sergeant George Blake and Private George A. Wilkinson. The Eighth saw service in Cuba, and although it arrived just too late to participate in the battles around Santiago, it was given more than its share of the suffering that crossed the path of every regiment that set foot on Cuban soil. Private Wilkinson talked freely of his experiences when interviewed yesterday afternoon on the Keystone State.

"Sergeant Blake and myself have been detailed to accompany poor Switzer's body to his home at Brownsville, near Matamoros. He died last Friday night at East Liverpool, from a complication of diseases and privation that culminated in typhoid fever from which he was unable to rally in the debilitated condition in which we all have been since the return from Santiago. Soon after our arrival at Montauk Point, the good people of East Liverpool took an interest in us, and sent Dr. Hobbs, our former surgeon, and Mr. Cook, to do what they could for us. The result was that Mr. Cook succeeded in getting leave of absence for fourteen of our sick last Tuesday, and on the following day Dr. Hobbs did the same for fourteen more, and we were brought on to East Liverpool, where we have received the best of attention."

Private Wilkinson's sunken cheeks and apparently weakened condition showed that he had been succored from privation in the nick of time.

"Poor Switzer's illness was brought on by starvation," continued Wilkinson. "We were seven days in making the trip from Santiago to Montauk, and were actually starving all of that time. Young Eddy, the Marietta boy, died on the trip because he had little or no nourishing food. If we had had good food we would have been all right, even without medicine. But all we had on the trip was black coffee and the little bread and butter that we succeeded in begging from the sailors. We could not eat the hard tack that was furnished us; it was full of worms and unfit for a hog to eat."

"Actually the boys of our regiment, who were able to get around on the ship begged for the privilege of passing coal down to the furnaces in order that they would be included in the rations distributed to the sailors."

"The Mohawk was a cattle ship and not fit to be used for the transportation of men."

"One night we got soup, made of canned tomatoes, beef and water. It was just slop, for there wasn't a pinch of salt on the ship, at least we could get none."

"When we arrived at Montauk, one of the officers proposed three cheers for Colonel Hard; he got hisses and catcalls from the men. The same reception was accorded Lieutenant Colonel Koontz. Then somebody in the ranks called for cheers for Major Wibrecht, of our battalion, and they were given with a will. Colonel Hard then called us "a pack of cowards."

"Our regiment arrived off Santiago the 10th of July, several days before the surrender, and we all expected to be in a scrap before a day had passed. On our way to the front we passed an ambulance train, filled with the wounded. To our sorrow, we were not taken to the front but were placed on outpost duty, two and one-half miles from the firing line."

"When we landed, the Spanish pickets saw the white rolls on our backs, and we learned later that the report became current in Santiago that each man had a small cannon on his back. It was said this frightened the Spaniards more than anything else and hastened the surrender."

"If the surrender had not come when it did, there would have been a battle in which all of our men would have been engaged, and I am sure we could not have taken the city without a loss of at least 5,000 men. The defenses were made up of trenches and barbed wire was everywhere."

"When Cervera's fleet was destroyed, the Spanish authorities in the city circulated the report that their admiral had sunk and captured all of the American squadron, but they soon learned the truth and were more cast down than ever."

Private Wilkinson told of the lack of system on the part of the commissary department at Santiago, and said the Eighth was on half rations most of the time. The meat issued to the regiment was very bad, being partly decomposed. At Montauk Point, however, the situation was improved, and in the Red Cross hospital especially the boys were given excellent treatment.

### SERGEANT BLAKE.

Accompanying the remains of Private Switzer to Brownsville besides Private Wilkinson is Sergeant G. T. Blake, of East Liverpool, who was sent home on sick leave, but was ordered to accompany the remains of his companion to



THE PRESIDENT ON A WELL-EARNED VACATION.

President McKinley is now on a well-earned vacation, which, however, is more of business than of rest. The President winds up his vacation at the Grand Army Review at Cincinnati September 5, but en route he will have visited many beautiful spots where the soldiers are encamped. Whenever he rests for a day the President, accompanied by one of his late board of strategy, invariably takes a walk, seeking the prettiest spots in the country. Mr. McKinley is an indefatigable walker, and would gladly spend a month in the country would circumstances permit. He will return to Washington in a few days.

Brownsville. Sergeant Blake is the heartiest-looking man of the trio, and has managed to preserve his ruddy complexion all right, though he has no surplus flesh to spare. He is connected with the East Liverpool Crisis, and will write up his trip here for that paper. Sergeant Blake and Privates Hunt and Wilkinson attracted considerable attention on the streets yesterday.

### PRIVATE HUNT TALKS.

Another member of the Sixth Ohio in the city yesterday was Private Ernest Hunt, of Medina, O., a member of Company G. Private Hunt is going to his home on a thirty-days' sick furlough, dating from last Thursday, but his furlough is likely to be permanent, in view of recent intimations regarding the volunteers coming from the government.

Private Hunt was at Santiago from July 10 to August 18. He was not in battle, having arrived too late, but he was on the ground in time to see the Spanish surrender. He has no liking for the Cuban climate, and little more for the Cuban insurgents, whom he says are for the most part too ignorant to appreciate the service rendered by Americans. The Spanish soldiers were more kindly in their demonstrations, after peace was declared, and the soldiers returning to Spain on the transports waved their handkerchiefs in adieu to the American soldier boys.

It was not until after he got on the transport, Mohawk, bound for Montauk Point, that Private Hunt became ill, and then it was only on the last two days of the trip. He became ill of malarial fever, and charges it to the lack of food for the troops, and what food was provided, he says, was of a poor character. He was sent to the hospital at Camp Wikoff for a week, and was released last Thursday. Hunt, to all appearances, ought to be under a doctor's care for some time to come.

He is thin and sallow, and hardly weighs 100 pounds. He tipped the beam at 148 pounds when he went to the front. His eyes have become affected, also. Mr. Hunt leaves this morning over the C. & W. for Medina. A deceased member of his company, Private Otis Thompson, was taken to Medina on Saturday.

### AT CAMP POLAND.

The First West Virginia Seems to Be Afflicted with Red Tape. From Our Soldier Correspondent.

CAMP POLAND, LINCOLN PARK, KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 1.—The second division is now all in our new camp, Camp Poland, which is named after our late commander General John S. Poland, who recently died at the Southern hospital at Atlanta, and to say that he men are much pleased is say that the men are much pleased to be back into God's country to the West Virginia boys, after spending 100 days at Camp Thomas, which was changed from a beautiful camping ground marked by fine, stately monuments and slabs showing where the heroes of the civil war so nobly defended Old Glory, into a barren, dusty desert, filled with cess pools of malarial disease and death. We were encamped there just nine times the length of time recommended by the articles of war for an army to occupy one camping ground without change of location.

We are now encamped two miles and a half from Knoxville, in Lincoln park, with a motor line running along the edge of our camp, dividing the Sixth Ohio from our regiment, and surrounded by fine suburban residences, such as are seen around all the cities in the Ohio valley, which makes it feel more like home to us, for we saw nothing but log cabins within six or seven miles of Camp Thomas. The people are hospitable and highly intelligent, and do all they can to make camp life pleasant for us while we are with them, and many of our boys have spent pleasant hours at homes surrounding camp. The business men of Knoxville have also taken it on themselves to see that the soldiers are not charged exorbitant prices, and we can purchase from two to three times as much as we did at

Camp Thomas with the same amount of money. The camp here is also much better provided for than at Camp Thomas. Each tent has been provided with a board floor, and a water line runs through camp from the Tennessee river and furnishes water for cooking and bathing purposes.

The only drawback to making army life pleasant at this camp is the strict regulations which are enforced in the regiment, much more so than in other regiments in this brigade. The boys were led to believe by the newspapers that when we came to Camp Poland we would have more liberties than at Camp Thomas, and they are disappointed in finding that instead of being granted more privileges some have been taken from them. At Camp Thomas soldiers were allowed to go out of the lines for water to springs and wells near by, also to the Y. M. C. A., theatre and stands, while here the camp is surrounded by many fine, cool springs almost within sight of the guard line and we are either compelled to drink the extremely warm water which is furnished by the pipe line or go through a lot of red tape in getting a pass signed by the captain and then taken to the first sergeant, who takes it to headquarters and has it signed by the colonel, in order to visit one of the springs. It requires a pass similarly signed to get out of the lines to the churches, stands or for any other purpose. There is very little change in the hours of drill, which is another disappointment to many. We still have company and battalion drill, and in the afternoon we have dress parade. The Sixth Ohio, our nearest neighbor, has but one drill a day and dress parade, and between duties are allowed to go out and in the lines at will.

About forty men were given sick leave from this regiment before leaving Camp Thomas, and quite a number have applied for a discharge.

Lieutenant Watts, of Company G, who sent in his resignation some time ago, left for his home in Charleston today.

Dr. Gilliam's resignation was accepted and he has returned to his home at Ansted, W. Va.

Captain Humphrey expects to visit his home on a seven days' furlough next week.

Privates Corner and Williams, who were on a ten days' furlough home, returned Friday. They joined their company at Rossville, while on the way from Camp Thomas to Camp Poland.

Private Wayt, of Company G, is home on a furlough.

The band invested \$70 in music a few days before we changed camp. We will now expect some good music.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Jenkins, of Knoxville, were visitors in camp Sunday. Mrs. Jenkins was formerly Miss Lou Cummings of Wheeling.

Private Echols has been appointed trumpeter in Company M, and is now on duty.

Our camp streets are sprinkled daily by a street sprinkler secured from the city, much to the comfort of camp. A crowd of men were the guests of Mrs. Scott last evening. Music was furnished by Messrs. Norrington and Purgus. The boys report a pleasant time and speak in the highest praise of the hospitality of their host and hostess. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Staunton, Miss Overstreet, Miss Mathews, Harry Rogers, H. Furgeson, H. Rusteymeyer, E. Humes, H. Smith. C. E. E.

### ON TO CINCINNATI.

The Veterans of '61 Leave for the Queen City This Morning on a Special Train via the Pennsylvania Line.

Department Commander Richard Robertson, of the West Virginia G. A. R., accompanied by other department officers, left yesterday morning on the Ohio River road for Cincinnati, to attend the annual encampment of the Grand Army. Several local members of the order left on the Ohio River, Baltimore & Ohio and Pennsylvania roads. This morning the bulk of the delegations from Wheeling, Bellaire, Bridgeport and Martin's Ferry will leave on the special Grand Army train via the Pan-Handle, personally conducted by Travelling Passenger Agent Fred B.

Sankey. The over-the-river delegations will have special cars from their towns via the C. & P. to Mineral Junction, where they will be attached to the main train, which leaves this city this morning on the Peewee. In addition to the delegations from the over-the-river towns, the veterans from Steubenville, Wellsville, East Liverpool, Dennison, Canal Dover and many other eastern Ohio towns will go on the Wheeling train, which is scheduled to go through with few stops, and arrive at Cincinnati this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### A VETERAN INJURED

At Benwood Junction While En Route to Cincinnati.

Charles Otto, a constable at Butler, Pa., is a Union veteran, and with a number of others from that town was on his way to Cincinnati Saturday night on a Baltimore & Ohio train, to attend the Cincinnati encampment this week. He had been having a good time with friends and old associates, and was up late.

When the train left Benwood he went out of the car for a breath of fresh air. Otto sat down on the steps of the platform, and as the train rounded the curve onto the bridge he fell from the steps, and down over the steep embankment.

The alarm was given, the train stopped and backed and Otto was picked up, not dead, but considerably the worse off from his experiences. His niece was in the sleeping car, and she rendered every possible aid. Otto was taken off the train at Bellaire, and provided for at the Globe hotel, where the niece and another relative remained with him until yesterday, when the friend went on to Cincinnati, the niece remaining with the wounded man.

He is not dangerously hurt, but bruised, and will return to Butler to-day, upon the arrival of his wife, who was telegraphed for yesterday.

### WEST VIRGINIA MONUMENTS

At the Gettysburg Battlefield to be Dedicated This Month.

The following order has been issued by Prof. T. C. Miller, of the Twelfth West Virginia Volunteer Association, giving the details of arrangements for the approaching dedication of the West Virginia monuments on the Gettysburg battlefield:

After consultation with the different organizations interested, Governor Atkinson has fixed upon Wednesday, September 28, 1898, as the date for the dedication of the monuments erected by the state of West Virginia on the Gettysburg battlefield. This solemn duty, so long delayed, now claims our earnest attention, and it is expected that these dedicatory exercises will be made a prominent state occasion, and that they will be largely attended.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad has made a half rate to Gettysburg from all points on its lines in West Virginia, and it is believed that the Chesapeake & Ohio and Cumberland Valley will do the same.

It is possible that the Second West Virginia volunteer infantry, now at Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., may go to Gettysburg to take part in the ceremonies. Governor Atkinson is in communication with the authorities at Washington relative to the matter, and if such arrangement is completed, due announcement will be made. It will be peculiarly appropriate for the soldiers of two wars to have part in honoring the memory of "those who freely gave their lives for the land they loved." Camp Meade is only thirty-five miles from the battlefield, and those having friends in the Second regiment will find this an excellent opportunity to visit them.

Persons going to Gettysburg should arrive there not later than 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, the 28th inst. The exercises will begin at 10:30 o'clock, near the monument to the Seventh Infantry, on East Cemetery Hill.

Governor Atkinson will deliver the principal address, and be followed briefly by Adjutant General Appleton and Colonel Meade. Middleton, Pa., may go to Gettysburg to take part in the ceremonies. Representative of each West Virginia organization engaged in the battle, namely: First and Third cavalry, Seventh infantry and Battery C, First artillery, will give some account of the part his command had in that memorable engagement of July 1, 2, 3, 1863. Let there be a large representation from each of these organizations. Come out, comrades, and see this his-

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### AMUSEMENTS.

Theatre-goers are to be congratulated for having an opportunity to see some of the greatest scenic productions of Lincoln J. Carter's plays, "The Tornado," "The Fast Mail," and "The World" by the Huntley-Jackson Stock Company, at the Grand Opera House. This is one of the best attractions that has ever been in Wheeling. The company comes for a solid week, beginning to-night, with Saturday matinee, and gives artistic presentations of three of the most successful melodramas ever written.

"PASSION PLAY" TO-NIGHT  
This evening the week's engagement of a capable company producing the "Passion Play" will open with a night performance, and commencing Tuesday there will be both afternoon and evening performances. The production is given under the auspices of the Carroll club at its handsome auditorium, and no doubt will receive the handsome patronage on the part of the public that it deserves.

### BELLAIRE.

All Sorts of Local News and Gossip From the Glass City.

Clerk of the Courts, Lawson F. Emerson, Auditor Madison Aldredge, Recorder Bud Taylor, all candidates for their second term on the Republican county ticket, and candidate for sheriff S. S. Foreman mingled with the firemen here on Saturday, and all are popular officers.

David Walker and wife returned home yesterday from Ironton, where they attended the convention of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Mrs. Harry Herzberg and daughters left Saturday night for Cincinnati, where Mrs. Herzberg will spend a week with her parents.

James Stewart and mother will leave this morning for California, where they will spend several months with relatives.

James Flto and wife left yesterday for Cincinnati, where they will attend the G. A. R. encampment.

Malvern Hill, of Bellaire, is spending a few days with his uncle, M. Booth, on Belmont street.

Miss Nettie Wolfe, of Cincinnati left yesterday morning for her home, after spending a month here.

Miss Alma Archer has returned home from New Martinsville, where she spent a month with relatives.

Miss Alice Criswell, of Moundville, is the guest of Miss Blanche Russell, in the Fourth ward.

Miss Fern Myers has returned home from a week's visit with relatives in Bellaire.

Miss Berenice McCurdy, of Barnesville, is visiting friends in the Fourth ward.

### THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.  
Pittsburgh.....KANAWHA, 8 a. m.  
Cincinnati.....KEYSTONE STATE, 7 p. m.  
Zanesville.....LORENA, 8 a. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.  
Sistersville.....RUTH, 3:30 p. m.  
Clarinton.....LEROY, 4:30 p. m.  
Steubenville.....T. M. HAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.  
Petersburg.....ARGAND, 11 a. m.  
Matamoros.....ELOISE, 11 a. m.  
Clarinton.....RUTH, 3:30 p. m.  
Steubenville.....LEROY, 4:30 p. m.  
Steubenville.....T. M. HAYNE, 2:30 p. m.

GREENSBORO—River 6 feet 5 inches and falling. Rainy; rainfall .15 inch.  
STEUBENVILLE—River 2 feet 11 inches and falling. Cloudy and warm.

BROWNSVILLE—River 5 feet 4 inches and rising.

MORGANTOWN—River 6 feet 10 inches and stationary. Weather rainy.

WARREN—River 7 feet. Weather, showers and cooler.

OIL CITY—River 1 foot 2 inches and falling. Cooler and partly cloudy.

PITTSBURGH—River 3.1 feet, stationary, at the dam. Clear and pleasant.

PARKERSBURG—Ohio river 5 feet 2 inches and falling. Cloudy; mercury 78.

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